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ILAC Water Quality Program Building Bridges to More Purposeful Lives in the Dominican Republic

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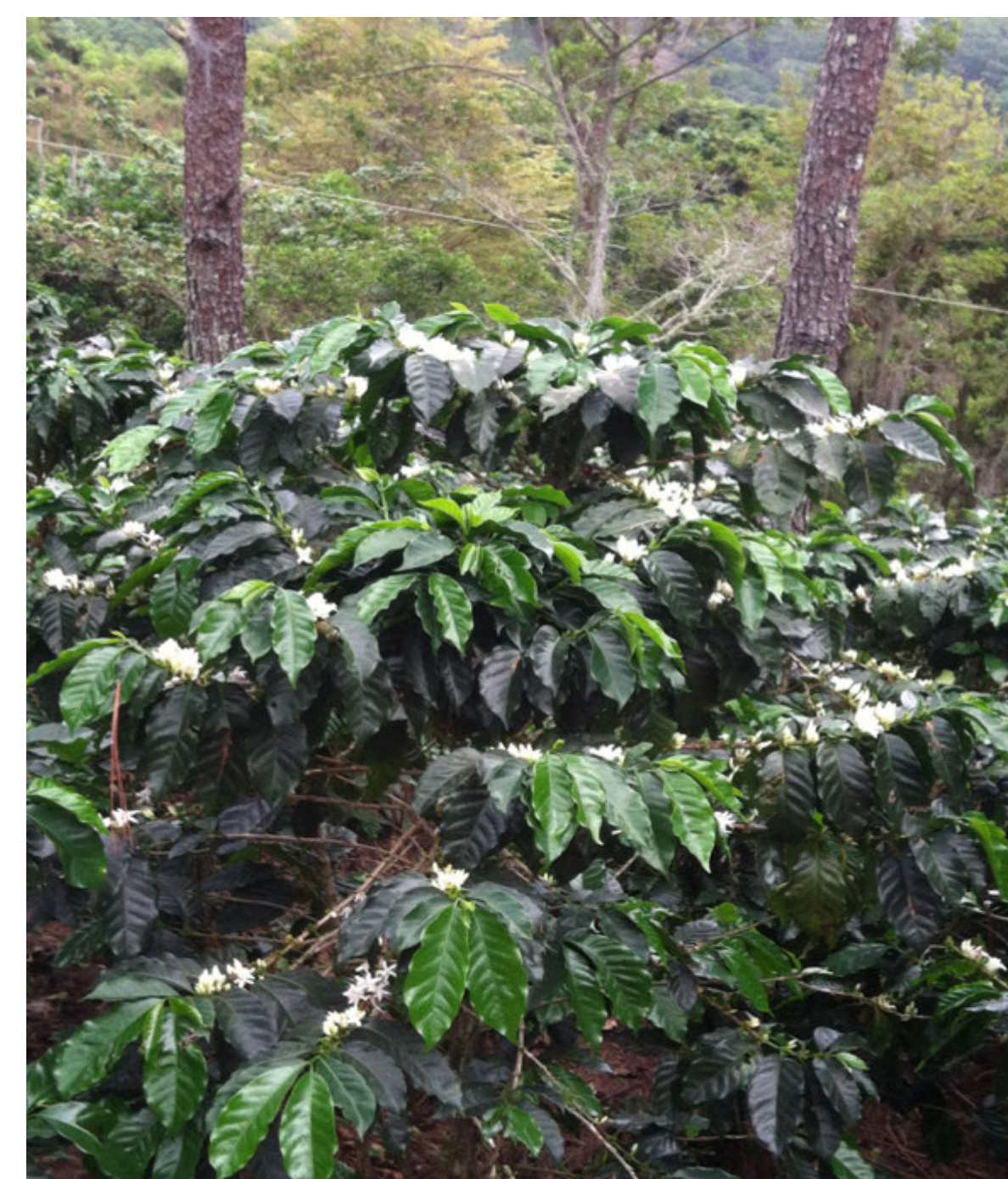
Service & Community Development



Participants standing in a hole that they just finished digging. This hole will be used for a newly constructed latrine for a family. The latrine will provide a central location for human waste, benefiting the health of the family and entire community.



Participants laying concrete that will replace a dirt floor in a family's home. This provides the family with a sanitary and permanent living space and the opportunity for a more healthy lifestyle.



A participant in a campo planting coffee trees in a rural community. The land for this plot was donated by the community landowner. The profit from this lot will benefit the development of the entire community for years to come.



Covenant
Creighton University - Water Quality Program

I commit myself to you, fellow members of the Water Quality Program, to honor and support you, to respect your ideas and initiatives, and to keep confidential whatever would harm you or degrade you in any way.

I offer you my trust through our work in the campo, in the lab and in our social interactions. I will not speak badly of you. I will not unjustly criticize your work or your person. I will hold you in prayer often, and I will try at all times to be positive, affirmative, and direct.

With those we serve, and with each other, may we listen with graciousness, act with charity, and presume with goodwill.

May we be attentive to the needs of the body, mind and spirit of those we serve.

We ask God's guidance as we strive to be patient, respectful and flexible.

May we not replace listening with judgment, nor our own convenience for the group's well-being.

May all we do together build a community of trust, gratitude, and character.

May we honor our times together with courtesy and openness, and give sufficient reverence to private silence and stillness.

May we stay focused on our shared mission to bring greater dignity, comfort, and hope to the people of the Dominican Republic.

In our dealings with one another, may the Holy Spirit guide us making us open, honest, and caring in all we do. Amen.



The covenant, signed each year by all participants, outlines what each group declares as their purpose.

Men and Women For and With Others



Participants work to sand the outer wall of a new community clinic in the campo of Las Lagunas. The closest clinic, other than this facility, is hours away. This clinic is now fully functional and serves as a health resource for the community.

Social Justice & Reflecting on Faith



Left: Participants taking a sample from a filter inside a Dominican home. The sample was later taken back to the lab at the ILAC center and processed. The results were then shared with the community so necessary improvements could be made.



Right: Participants and children from the campo of Batey Libertad, a community for Haitian migrant workers and their families.



"What did you bring back..."

... connecting with someone and forming a real relationship based on the real things in life—honesty, love, & simply being. -2010

... the value of the Dominican life style, the value of true love, not just kindness, that is immersed and intertwined into every aspect of Dominican life. -2012

... a new way to critically reflect upon my actions that will affect the way I interact with others in order to consciously act with greater unconditional love and acceptance. -2013

Summary:

This program has affected the lives of participants, communities, and families across cultures and backgrounds. Over 105 participants have experienced the life and culture of the Dominican people and have assisted in educating and testing over 1,500 functional filters in rural communities. These filters provide potable water for over 7,000 people. Filters can continue to provide safe drinking water for several years. The knowledge gained by all will last a lifetime.

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